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AARA FUN DAY "Parks on the Air"

On September 11, 2021, an energetic group of Hams and Guests arrived at Chicot State Park (K2359) north of Ville Platte for a fun/leaning day.

Participants were:

Glen and Linda Breaux KD5NVC KE5HSA, David DesOrmeaux KI5NTD, Stanley Lee KI5NTF, Barret KG5SSO and Brandy Oge, Tom W5OHJ, and Dee Dischler.

The cool sunny morning began with a 07:00 set up on 40 meters which only provided with a couple of contacts. After about an hour, we set up a 20-meter dipole and things got very busy. Several pile ups were experienced and over all we logged more than 70 contacts for the event With David KI5NTD logging the greatest number and 23 states. Several Park-to-Park contacts were made.



Barret KG5SSO set up an additional station and made several contacts on 15 & 17 meters. See Barrett's article in the October issue of the *LARC Newsletter*.

Time was spent working on making contacts, radio voice, protocol, antenna construction, propagation, and FUN! We attempted to connect with the station located at Steve Webre's AF5VR farm, but was unsuccessful on 20 meters.

Glen and Linda Breaux had a cabin for the weekend and invited us all over for a delicious red beans and rice lunch once the equipment was torn down and secured. Overall, everyone had fun and took away a feeling of accomplishment and knowledge.

73's

Tom Dischler
W5OHJ



CHICOT STATE PARK

**Radio in
the Park**

K2359

**Membership
Dues**

Now is the
time to consider
updating your
2022 -2023

Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) membership. You can go to the following link and download the membership application form.

http://www.w5ddl.org/aara_membership_appl.pdf

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AARA NOVEMBER 2021 GENERAL MEETING

November 4th, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shoppe

109 Benoit Patin Rd,
Scott, LA 70583

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Local 2-Meter Nets
Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820- PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00 PM
 147.040+ PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 7:00 PM
 146.820- PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Rag Chew Net 8:00 PM 443.000+ 5.000 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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Article by:
 Michael Cavell
 KI5ARX

The AARA Workday on Saturday October the 9th was quite productive.

First on the agenda was to meet with Paul McCasland at his personal storage unit. Paul has generously stored many of the large items used at the hamfest. All of that equipment

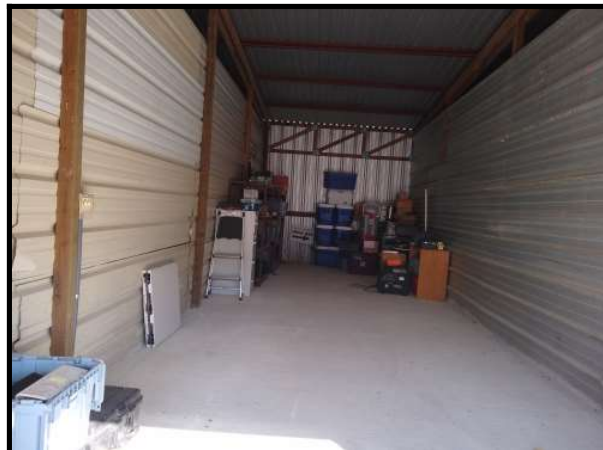
was collected along with some shelf frames that Paul donated to the club. We dropped that off at the club's storage unit. Next stop was the Lafayette Science Museum. We were able to get all the AARA property that was stored there. We then moved onto Danny Daigle's QTH to collect what he had been storing for the club. We were able to get everything with the exception of a pile of antenna parts which Danny said he would sort through to see what's what. Everything was dropped off at the Clubs storage unit.

We didn't stop there though. Tom Dischler and I went to Home Depot and purchased the plywood needed to build shelves. Then Tom, my brother Chris, and I built the shelves and preliminarily organized everything, clearing enough room so that the antenna trailer can be parked.

While working we found many surplus items that are longer of use to the club, those items will be auctioned off at upcoming club meetings.

Thanks to all those who were able to lend a hand. Jody Zaunbrecher KI5GIZ, Derek Meche WM5TS, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Brandon Stelly KG5LQM, Paul McCasland N5KNY, Danny Daigle KD5JSM and Chris Cavell.

Inside view of the new storage unit located on W. Congress in Lafayette. ➡



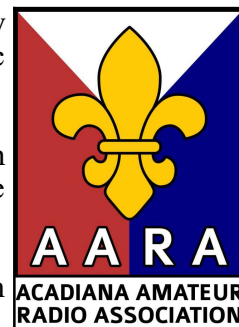
AARA 2022 RAYNE HAMFEST

2022 AARA Hamfest Chairman Brandon Stelly KG5LQM has confirmed availability of the Rayne Civic Center for second weekend in March 2022.

Hamfest Vendor & Table Assignment Chairman Galen Wilson KF5BET has reported that most past vendors have been contacted about our 2022 hamfest participation.

If anyone has any contacts for vendors please email them to Brandon Stelly KG5LQM at: hamfest@w5ddl.org

Hopefully the Covid19 will not interfere with our hamfest as it did for the past two years.



October 7th 2021 VE Test Session Results



The October AARA General Meeting held at the Candyland Cottage and Ice Cream Shoppe at 6:00 PM had one person to take his Technician exam and this was:

Kevin P. Regina of Addis, LA. Received the call KI5SCV.

Three VE's were there to supervise the exam and they were:

Greg Dolan II - K5LFT, Dave Redfearn N4ELM & Michael Cavell KI5ARX. Thanks to these guys for taking time to help with this test session.

If you desire to take a test, contact Greg K5LFT at:

k5lft@lusfiber.net

73 de Greg K5LFT.

Testing takes place each first Thursday of the month at the AARA General Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Rules and what you need to bring to a VE Test Session can be found here:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/VE%20Exams.htm>



2021 Tour De Teche

The 2021 Tour De Teche Canoe Race was a wonderful experience. Dee and I had the great pleasure of following the race from start to finish this year. With the help of some great ham operators the race was a safe and well managed event.

Friday morning October 1 was the start in Port Barre, LA with the 8:00 am horn to start 13 boats for 49 miles. Waiting down river was Dave Redfern(N4ELM) at Myran'd Maison De Manager in Arnaudville, LA. Checkpoint #2 was handled by Linda and Glenn Breau (KE5HSA and KD5NVC) located at Poche Restaurant. Utilizing the W5DDL 146.82 machine, their reports were transmitted to the "Crawfish Hole" located in St. Martinville, LA for day 1.

Saturday started at the Evangeline Oak with 15 boats heading down stream toward New Iberia, LA to be checked in by Kathy and Danny Daigle (KD5TJZ and KD5TJM). The first boat arrived in 3:13 hours from the start with the final arrival at 4:50 hours. The boats were on to the next checkpoint #4 at the Chitimacha Boat Launch manned by Michael Cavell (KI5ARX), who checked boats until after 9:00 pm. The final boat to arrive in Franklin, LA that night was at 9:41 pm.

Sunday began in Franklin, LA going south toward Berwick, LA. Twelve boats blasted off with a great start toward a day of not only paddling but 3 separate portages. Our teams were set to receive them at Calumet Cut Checkpoint #5 manned by Phillip Verret (KA8ZKR) and Marty Cannon (KI5EGM). Boats were through their checkpoint in 2 hours and 45 minutes. Checkpoint #6 was next in line at Hays Landing manned by Ken Turner (KG5YYL). By 12:05 pm all boats were through the final check point and on their way to Berwick where we awaited them at the finish line. The race was complete when the final boat cleared the finish line at 2:42 PM.

I want to thank my fellow hams who stepped up and manned the checkpoints. All of you did an awesome job and your help was greatly appreciated by me and the race officials.

Repeaters used were 146.82 Lafayette (day 1)

147.12 Franklin (day 2)

146.91 Morgan City (day 3)

**See photos on
page 4.**

A good time was had by all!!!

73's

Tom Dischler

W5OHJ



**WHEN FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM
WENT DOWN...**

HAM RADIO DID NOT!

AMATEUR RADIO - KEEPING PEOPLE IN CONTACT SINCE 1901

Tour du Teche 2021 Canoe Race Photos

Photos by Ingo Werk KK6EWB



Tour du Teche Command Center
with Race Director Trey Snyder



Start in Port Barre, 135 miles to go



Restart in St Martinsville, LA



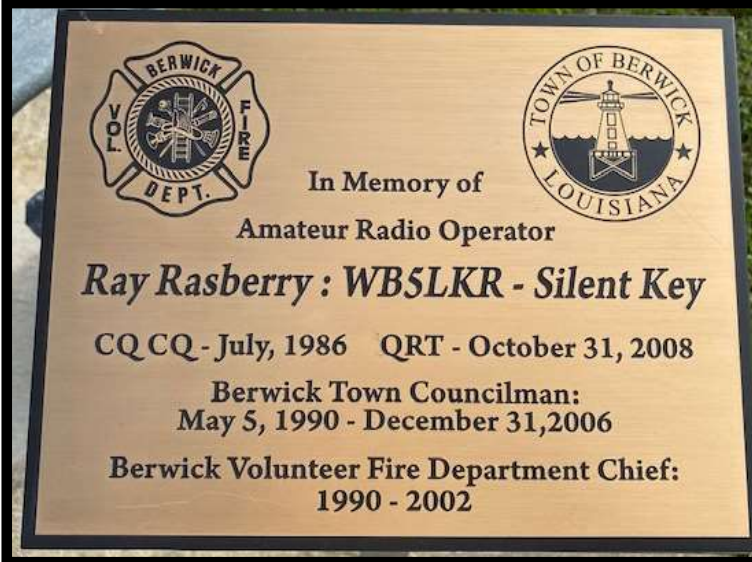
Restart in Franklin, LA



Finish line in Berwick, LA



Tour du Teche Monument in Berwick, LA



Ray Raspberry WB5LKR Amateur Radio Operator Memorial
Berwick, LA



Unknown -

Dee & Tom Dischler W5OHJ
AARA Race Chairman



Tour du Teche 135 – RACE DIV (Pro and Voyager)

<https://tourduteche.com/races/tour-du-teche-135-2/>



Citizens Band Going FM? FCC Considering Part 95 Rule Change

Could CB Radio going FM? That's what the FCC will be considering at the Federal Communications Commission's Open Meeting on August 5th — and right now it appears likely to pass.

[Cobra Electronics has petitioned an amendment to Part 95](#) rules to allow CB radios to use frequency modulation, a major change for the citizens band radio service. The change is likely a move to encourage new radio sales as the core features of CB radio haven't changed in many years.

Cobra Electronics stated the change, "would allow users to enjoy the benefits of FM, if they so choose, while ensuring every new radio sold could communicate with all the existing radios in the field." They also state the change would benefit both professional and recreational CB users in terms of FM providing better quality and clarity.

The first and most obvious worry is the interference this will inevitably cause. Can you imagine Channel 19 where some have FM, and others have an AM-only radio? Cobra says that operators can simply, "turn the channel," if interference occurs. I believe the change would spur jamming, interference on popular channels, eventually pushing users to buy new radios. Then again, that's what Cobra is hoping for.

The FCC sounds in favor of Cobra Electronics petition and is likely to pass the amendment.



The Greater New Orleans Ham Fest

W5CCG November 13, 2021 – 8:AM - 1:00 PM

Sponsored by
Crescent City
Amateur Radio
Group, Inc.

VFW Hall
1133 Hickory Ave. Harahan, LA. 70123

FREE Tables - FREE Tailgating - FREE Parking

We will Raffle off over 25 Radios and other items!

VE Exam Session Starts at 08:30 - ARRL, ARES & DMR FORUMS

THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS HAM FEST
Sponsored by: *Crescent City Amateur Radio Group, Inc.*
Date: November 13, 2021
Location: VFW Hall Post 3287
1133 Hickory Ave.
Harahan, Louisiana 70123
Time: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Talk-in: 146.820/147.105 PL 114.8
Tables & Parking: FREE - FREE - FREE
Set up times: Friday November 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Saturday November 13 from 7:00 to 8:00 AM
Raffle: Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 for 1, \$10 for 3 and \$25 for 10
We will raffle 20+ radios. Including HF rigs., mobile rigs, and handhelds.
Refreshments: Coffee, donuts and soft drinks will be served for a small charge.
To reserve tables or have questions contact:
Joe at 504-288-7084
Joen5ozg@hotmail.com
Eric at af5jg@outlook.com
Steve at N5WXC@hotmail.com

Greater New Orleans Ham Fest
Crescent City Amateur Radio Group
PO Box 2613
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Website: <https://ccarg.org/page.html>



"After considering this additional information, we conclude that allowing manufacturers to add FM as an optional modulation scheme will not substantially change the fundamental nature of the CB Radio Service and will improve the user experience, as described by Cobra and President. How people use the service will not materially change or be expanded. Further, Cobra states that AM is a "well established" operating mode that is unlikely to disappear, even if we permit operations in FM mode," the FCC stated in its response.

Are you ready for FM CB Radio? Sure seems like it's coming.



JAMBOREE ON THE AIR 2021

By Larry Kebodeaux KI5NTC

On Saturday October 16, 2021 the Boy Scouts of America held their JOTA (Jamboree on The Air) at Lost Bayou Scout Camp near Lake Chicot, La. I was hesitant to go along as I have been a “HAM” less than one year, but I decided to do it anyway.

With the help of Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Danny Daigle KD5JSM, and Chris Ancelet N5MCY, members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc., I obtained the club and personal equipment that was needed for the day. The Boy Scout Troops provided help to unload and set up the equipment. We set up a 20-meter antenna on the club’s go box and a 40-meter antenna on my radio.



We started trying to make contact and made a few but did not find anyone that was really into talking to the troops. After one contact, David L. Pulley W5DLP, called out to me and asked if I would go to 7.275, he would be glad to speak to our scouts. I cannot say enough about Mr. Pulley. I logged him in on a contact at 12:01, he spoke to our Scouts, each and every one of them, all 300+, the youngest being 5 and the oldest 12 years old. He spoke to them on a personal level and made them feel as if they were very important. David questioned them about where and how they slept, (in a tent or on

the ground or a cabin), what they had for breakfast, if they had had to do their on cooking, what was the best thing they liked about the campout, and countless other items. Parent would pass by and ask “is he still talking to them?” He spoke to us till 5:30 which was 5-1/2 hours, David was amazing! When he would speak to the troops, their eyes would glow. When he would tell them that he was in Texas and over 200 miles away from them they were really amazed.



Before the day ended, David gave me his phone number and asked that if our club ever had another function and needed him for a contact, he would be happy to help us out.

The troops were broken into groups and spread out so that they were not all doing the same thing, so we had a steady line of scouts, both boys and girls, with a few parents joining in on the conversations.

There was a steady procession of scouts from about 12 noon to the end of the day at 5:30. I had estimated about 200 but I was told that over 300 had attended.



It was a joy to be of service to the Boy Scouts

JOTA 2021 event and help achieve their merit badges and I would be ready to do it again next year if I am able.



Photos and article by Larry Kebodeaux KI5NTC



SEPTEMBER 2021 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| AARA Monday Night Net Monday 7:00 PM - 146.820 | 4 | 57 | Ø | 154 | KD5JSM Danny |
| Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net Tuesday 7:00 PM - 147.040 | 4 | 44 | Ø | 258 | KN5GRK Herman |
| Silent Key Memorial Net Wednesday 7:00 PM - 146.820 | 4 | 38 | Ø | 107 | KD5JSM Danny |
| Rag Chew Net Thursday 8:00 PM - 433.000 | 3 | 18 | Ø | 163 | KD5JSM Danny |

When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new. - Dalai Lama

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Danny Daigle KD5JSM is the AARA Monday Night Net Manager and he is in charge of scheduling the Net Control Operators. Each Monday will have a rotating NCS as listed below. Here is the November 2021 rotation:

| DATE: | TIME: | REPEATER: | PL TONE: | NCS |
|-------|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| 11/01 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 | 103.5 | Danny KD5JSM |
| 11/08 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 | 103.5 | Paul N5KNY |
| 11/15 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 | 103.5 | Barrett KG5SSO |
| 11/22 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 | 103.5 | Brandon KG5LQM |
| 11/29 | 7:00 PM | 146.82 | 103.5 | Danny KD5JSM |

Check into the Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn net on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM on the 147.040 Dusen repeater. **The 145.370 SkyWarn repeater is temporary off the air at this time.**

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5

The October 2021 repeater schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|-------|--------|--------|
| 11/03 | KG5YYL | KEN |
| 11/03 | K5VSH | PAUL |
| 11/04 | KE5RPL | JOANN |
| 11/11 | SANDRA | ALLEN |
| 11/16 | KG5JHR | DAVID |
| 11/20 | KG5UGC | STEVE |
| 11/30 | K5JMR | JOHN |
| 12/08 | KG5PUL | CANE |
| 12/09 | NA5Q | ROLAND |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



When Do We "Fall Back" In 2021?

The first Sunday in November is when Daylight Saving Time ends in most areas of the U.S., so in 2021 we'll "fall back" one hour and re-

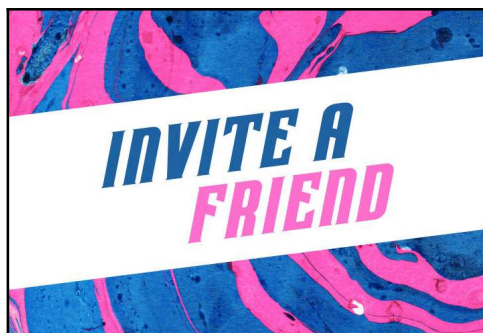
turn to Standard Time on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 2 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night!

"There is nothing more confusing to me than the time change and the Universal Time Coordinate (UTC) Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and Zulu (Z) times especially to ham logging". de Herman KN5GRK



THE ONLY WAY TO ERECT A 5 ELEMENT BEAM

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Crockpot Spiral Ham

<https://www.eatingonadime.com>

Crock pot Ham Recipe is easy to make. Slow cooker ham is perfect for the holidays and frees up your oven. Try this crock pot spiral ham today!

| PREP TIME | COOK TIME | TOTAL TIME |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| 5 minutes | 4 hours | 4 hours 5 minutes |

Ingredients:

7-8 lb Spiral Sliced Ham
1 cup Brown Sugar
1/2 cup Maple Syrup or Honey
1 cup Pineapple Juice

Instructions:

Unwrap ham and place flat side down in a large slow cooker. Throw away glaze packet and any plastic pieces that cover the bone.

Rub brown sugar over the sides.
Pour on syrup and pineapple juice.
Cook on low for 4 hours.

Baste ham with the juices from the bottom of the slow cooker occasionally while it is cooking and right before you serve it.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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